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TO BE OR NOT TO BE IS THE QUESTION.

WAR or no war. That is the issue before the nation today. This will crystallize Monday morning in Congress when the momentous matters of the past three years will be weighed and adjusted. The Democratic party is not a unit on taking orders from Mr. Wilson. This was shown during the expiring hours of the last Congress when the leaders of the opposition included some of the best thinkers from the southern states who heretofore had stood with the administration through thick and thin. The pacifist element, led by William Jennings Bryan, has to be reckoned with. The members, in spite of the ridicule heaped on them by the militants, are steadfast in their views. They are opposed to mixing up in the European struggle, simply because Mr. Wilson stands with his back to the wall. The latter has reached a point where his wavering and muddled policies have become a vital issue and the only vindication of his vacillation will be a declaration of war or the declaration that a state of war exists. This is a distinction without a difference. Either assertion would plunge the country into war. The step is too radical for offhand determination and the entire question will have to be threshed out by the house of representatives and the senate, with enough positive opposition to raise doubts in the minds of sensible people as to the course that will prove acceptable. Mr. Bryan has marshaled his followers, and they are no mean factor for consideration. Enough has been heard during the past month to bring about a revulsion of sentiment. Among those who waver in their allegiance to Wilson and his indeterminate policies are included men of influence and statesmanship who are not irretrievably committed to reprisals. These men will be heard from at the right moment and there is strong presumptive evidence that they will not be led blindly into the entanglement of hostile action. Mr. Bryan is a redoubtable foe and, whatever may be said about his personality, the one fact stands out prominently today that he is not lost any of his virility in public matters. Ever since the memorable days of 1893, when he sprang into national prominence by leading the silver hosts against the entrenched forces of the goldbugs he has been a leader of men. He has been styled a demagogue, but his demagoguery has pleased the masses. He has never been accused of pusillanimity in advancing his own views of what is right or in antagonizing those whom he thought were inimical to the common welfare. This is the steel-throated statesman who, from his winter home in Florida, has sent forth the clarion protest against the jingoism that now jeopardizes the nation. He is not daunted by the cry that national pride will suffer from refusing to join issues with the entente allies and he may be relied on to inspire a new line of thought when it comes to public debate. Mr. Wilson will have to explain why he insists on a nation which he proclaimed as "too proud to fight" for the protection of Americans in Mexico should now jump into the ring at the command of Great Britain. Should Bryan, who stands for the maintenance of a strict neutrality, win in Congress, he will be the biggest man in the United States. He always has battled for what he thought was the right and his actions in the Baltimore convention, where he defied his own party and won the day in spite of a personal defeat, well shows the trenchant force of his oratory and the belief that whatever he does is done from faith in his own convictions and not to cover his conduct with a thin veneer of patriotism. He is a more dominant character today with the rank and file of the Democracy than Mr. Wilson, whose successes have been of an adventitious order.

Whatever the result may be it should not interfere with the policy of preparedness, for that policy was laid down years ago by earnest Republican leaders who foresaw the day when the country would be subjected to indignities in the international courts through lack of mobilizing its resources and citizens. Preparedness must go on. It is necessary. In the final reckoning to come after the war there may be a crisis that can be met only by a display of force that will prevent war with the victorious power or one of its allies, say Japan, for instance. The yellow man is better prepared today than the United States to meet hostilities, but the present policy of preparedness carried to its logical conclusion, one more year will see this country fit to enter the ring and take no odds from any rival, be that rival Great Britain or Japan.

GOVERNMENT OWNERSHIP.

THE celerity of the railroads in complying with the demands of the railroad brotherhoods followed by their immediate application to the interstate commerce commission for a revision upward of the existing tariffs on all commodities carries with it the suggestion that the great transportation lines see the handwriting on the war and are willing to turn over all their troubles and exasperations to the government. The problems of the railroads are growing more complex daily. Every state in the union is hectoring them into a cry for lower rates and the managers state frankly that, as soon as the interstate commerce commission acts, such action will be followed instantly by a demand on the several states for an increase in intra-state rates. Without state action there cannot be any redress for grievances or increase in income account. Friction must necessarily arise over the new adjustment of rates and revenue with the issue clouded by popular belief that the railroads are altogether too highly capitalized and that there cannot be any revision so long as their demands are predicated on existing capitalization. Admitting this to be a fact, no philosopher has arisen to explain how the water can be squeezed out of the railroads without inviting a panic that would be almost as disastrous as another world's war. The bonded indebtedness cannot be refunded without hurting the small investor whose savings are tied up in this class of securities and rather than keep up the constant bickering it would be the most natural thing in the world for the railroads to invite the government to assume charge of their respective properties. Government ownership is not desirable at any price, for that implies low wages, incompetent management and political interference with a change every four years that would add immeasurably to the costs of op-

eration while militating against efficiency for which producer and consumer would have to pay without any chance for appeal.

THE ONLY SERVICE.

THE Associated Press has secured an injunction restraining the International News Service from pirating its news in advance of publication by its members. News stealing is an old game and the foundation of most of the newsgathering agencies. These would-be rivals have relied on the Associated Press for the best part of their service obtained by stealing reports from the early issue of newspapers in the east. The news was then sent out to Pacific coast and middle west points, where the difference in time enabled the International to deliver the stolen dispatches as original. There is but one first-class service, and but one reliable news agency that collects its own news through its own agents and assumes responsibility for every statement carried over its wires. This is the Associated Press, of which the Bonanza is a member. The character of the service has never been impeached and while there have been scores of feeble imitators, none has endured for more than a few years when time sealed the grave on the venture.

The International News Service gained a certain amount of reputation by pilfering straight reports from the A. P., as the organization is known in every newspaper office throughout the world, and then by a series of elaboration and rewrite work deliver the same news in garbled form to its subscribers. This system was conducted with such recklessness that the British government had to suspend all privileges to the Hearst people after the agents of the International News Service were convicted of manufacturing news and fabricating reports that were alleged to come from the seat of war. The exposure was convincing and the action of the New York court yesterday in issuing a restraining order is equivalent to convicting the International of rank mendacity.

WAR EAGLE MILL BUSY

The Commercial Mines and Milling company is keeping the 20 stamps of the War Eagle mill dropping on Jumping Jack ore, the run being at the rate of 100 tons a day.

J. J. Griffith, general superintendent of the property, is confining his ore extraction efforts to the 85-foot level. Teams are at present employed in hauling the ore, but a five-ton Peerless truck will be put into commission in a few days.

Development work is constantly in progress. Crosscutting of the ground will shortly be begun. The company owns the Indian Camp, Jumping Jack, Stray Dog, Riley and Crescent, about 80 acres in all. The Little Grey shaft, which is developing on the 100-foot level, is drawing water for the War Eagle and Amalgamated mills. The company is lifting 48 skips, amounting to 10,000 gallons, an hour.

TONOPAH GOING INTO COPPER MINING IN SASKATCHEWAN

The Tonopah Mining company is entering the copper field through the purchase of a property in the northwest on the Hudson Bay and 650 miles northwest of Winnipeg. Reports from this property are of the most glowing character. The big company ranks high with eastern investors owing to the security offered by the acquisition of subsidiaries and eastern financial papers are filled with references to the expansion going steadily forward. In the Breckenridge gold dredging district, Colorado, its dividend-paying subsidiary, the Tonopah Placers company, made a good showing in 1916 and it is rumored that the Breckenridge fleet of three dredges is to be increased. However, the fundamental strength of the Tonopah company at the present times lies in its foreign holdings, its giant medium-grade gold properties in Nicaragua and its copper project in the Flin-Flon lake district on the Manitoba-Saskatchewan boundary in Canada.

In Nicaragua just now a party of Tonopah Mining company officials are attending the starting of the Eden Mining company mill, the giant gold-mining subsidiary acquired in 1913-14. Consulting Engineer J. E.

Spurr, of the company, is in Nicaragua and is looking into the Bonanza mine, on which it is reported an option has been taken by the Tonopah-Nicaragua company (the Central American subsidiary), and the Santa Rita mine is now under option to and being developed by the company.

The annual meeting of the Tonopah Mining company is called for May 2.

DONATES A CLAIM TENDERS SERVICES

MELVIN SHOLL OF ELKO SHOWS PATRIOTISM IN PRACTICAL SCIENTIFIC MANNER

While it is not generally understood outside of technical mining circles, Kieselguhr, found in high-grade form in comparatively few places in the United States, is one of the most essential elements in the manufacture of munitions of war, including shells and high explosives.

Melvin Sholl, of Elko, Nev., who is one of the pioneer mining experts of the west, and who controls one of the largest deposits of Kieselguhr in the country, has demonstrated his patriotism in a manner both practical and scientific.

Mr. Sholl has successfully solved

many of the scientific problems regarding the use and application of this material. He has placed the results of his investigations before the department of commerce for submission to the United States bureau of research at Pittsburgh. The reports that he has received are highly favorable and flattering, both as regards the quality of the deposits he possesses and also as to the conclusions he has deduced.

Now Mr. Sholl, who is in the city for a few days, says that he stands ready to turn his property over to the government and permit its operation by national officers for the purposes of supplying the material so much needed in the manufacture of munitions of war—Sale Lake Tribune.

FOR CALIFORNIA DEFENSE

(By Associated Press.)

SACRAMENTO, Cal., Mar. 30.—Governor Stephens has signed the Benson bill creating a state council of defense.

YOU

Smile for the fellow who is down today.
 Give him a word in his sorrow.
 Don't wound his feelings in any way—
 FOR YOU MAY BE DOWN TOMORROW

Speak a good word for the stock of the mine
 That is making a struggle to pay.
 Yours may be good, and ever so fine,
 BUT IT MAY BE DOWN THE NEXT DAY

Don't make excuses for things that go wrong.
 For making excuses don't make them right.
 Hunt out the remedy and bring it along.
 FOR YOU MUST MAKE GOOD IN THE FIGHT

—The Stroller.

GOES BACK TO UTAH

Dan B. Cronin, formerly superintendent of the Wingfield properties at Willow creek, Nye county, has accepted a position as superintendent of the Godiva mine at Tropic, Utah, a position he held several years ago and resigned to become sheriff of Juab county, Utah.

GIFT TO PUBLIC LIBRARY FROM MRS. G. A. KERNICK

Mrs. Geo. A. Kernick, of Alameda, California, lately sent to the Tonopah Public Library a copy of Sir Oliver Lodge's book Raymond, which claims to give proof that the dead can best investment.

communicate with the living, according to incidents narrated in this volume, whereby Sir Oliver Lodge has had messages from his son Raymond, who lost his life in France, fighting for the allies.

BALL BLAYING MANAGER SERVED WITH INJUNCTION

(By Associated Press.)
 ST. LOUIS, Mar. 30.—The circuit court has issued a restraining order preventing Branch Rickey, of the St. Louis American club, from acting as president of the St. Louis National League company.

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